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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN LEADERS

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1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON JIMMY KRUGER, MINISTER OF POLICE AND JUSTICE, KRUGER COMMENTED THAT IT TOOK ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF TALKS FOR RHODESIAN LEADERS TO COMPREHEND FULLY SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION THAT RHODESIAN WHITES MUST COME TO TERMS WITH THE ANC. KRUGER, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS BETWEEN VORSTER, SMITH AND SEVERAL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CABINET MEMBERS, SAID HE BELIEVES THAT IAN SMITH NOW FEELS THERE MUST BE A SETTLEMENT.

2. KRUGER EMPHASIZED THAT TWO POINTS WERE MADE CLEAR TO RHODESIANS. FIRST, SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM RHODESIA. ANOTHER ONE HUNDRED POLICEMEN WILL BE LEAVING NOW AND THE REMAINDER LATER, AS LONG AS LEVEL OF GUERRILLA WARFARE DOES NOT INCREASE. SECOND, SOUTH
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AFRICA WILL NOT DO ANYTHING TO DISTURB -- IN FACT WILL DO

EVERYTHING TO CONTINUE -- DETENTE WITH KAUNDA, KHAMA, NYERERE AND MACHEL. KRUGER SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS FACT MUST BE VERY CLOSELY HELD, BECAUSE IF AFRICAN LEADERS KNEW HOW COMMITTED SOUTH AFRICANS WERE TO THIS THEY MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO TAKE ACTION INIMICAL TO SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERESTS IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH IT.

3. KRUGER SAID THAT MUCH REMAINS FOR RHODESIANS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT. SOUTH AFRICANS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY THOUGHT ARREST OF SITHOLE WAS A MISTAKE ON PART OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT ATTEMPT TO TELL THE RHODESIANS HOW TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND PROCEED TOWARDS SETTLEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, KRUGER SAID HE THOUGHT RHODESIANS REALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY MUST OVERCOME PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND REACH SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH ANC. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT, FOR THEIR PART, THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE DETERMINED NOT "TO GET INTO A VIETNAM SITUATION."
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